

## Message Text

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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM TO  
SUBJ: UNCHR CANDIDATE GUY KOUASSIGAN

REF: STATE 71505

1. KOUASSIGAN IS NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY. WE UNDERSTAND HE LEFT TOGO IN 1971 AFTER HE INCURRED DISAPPROVAL OF THE EYADEMA GOVERNMENT FOR OPPOSING ATTEMPTS TO EXTEND POLITICAL CONTROLS INTO THE TOGOLESE COURT SYSTEM IN THE TRIALS OF ALLEGED SUBVERSIVES.

2. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT POST INDICATES THAT KOUASSIGAN IS AN INTELLIGENT AND ENERGETIC LAWYER WHO PLAYED AN ACTIVE POLITICAL ROLE IN TOGO UNTIL THE EYADEMA COUP D'ETAT IN JANUARY 1967. HE RETURNED TO TOGO FROM STUDIES IN FRANCE IN EARLY 1963 AND SERVED FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE THEN RESIGNED FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ENTERED PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE UNTILL HIS DEPARTURE FROM TOGO. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF HIS ACTIVITIES SINCE 1971. YOUNG

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